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DIARY NOTES

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4 March 1960

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. There was considerable discussion about our appearance before the Sprague Committee on 8, 9, 10 and 15 March. This is strictly a DD/P show and I do not anticipate that we will become involved.

b. Dick Bissell brought up the letter which I drafted to the Bureau of the Budget concerning the special \$10 million. He said he thought that the letter which I had proposed was as good as we could do. He was in favor of sending it although he would not be unhappy if no letter at all were written. [REDACTED] was opposed to writing any letter at all. The Director has completely forgotten that this had been the DD/S position for some time and was somewhat surprised when I told him that we had written this letter at his insistence. Dick Bissell left the letter with the Director and he will let me know whether he wants to send any letter at all and, if so, whether this one is satisfactory.

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c. We discussed the question of whether to insist that [REDACTED] remain with the Agency. It was the consensus that Joe owed the Agency something in return for the training which he has had at our expense. However, it was also the consensus that Joe was a valuable employee and should be retained. Lyman Kirkpatrick was very outspoken in his remarks and said that the real reason Joe wanted to leave was because he could not get along

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[REDACTED] agreed that we should retain Joe, that he should be on the Staff of the DD/S or the Management Staff, that he should be promoted to a grade GS-16 and that in recognition of our interest in the machine field we should get someone else started in a similar course of training.

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2. I had lunch with [REDACTED]. He is somewhat apprehensive about making the Office of Logistics take [REDACTED] in view of the fact that their preference, [REDACTED], would go to Vernon's Staff. I told him that I was not concerned about this and that I would make the decision and advise Logistics of my feelings. (I must do this in the very near future.) We also discussed [REDACTED] replacement and more or less narrowed it down to a choice between [REDACTED] in Logistics. He is sending [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] file. We agreed to abandon the idea of sending [REDACTED] the original Support Officer which in turn means that we will not have to move [REDACTED]

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from the Office of Training. I suggested that Vernon consider [REDACTED] as one possibility for the [REDACTED] assignment.

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3. I spent the afternoon at the Photographic Intelligence Center reviewing their recent activities and devoting considerable attention to their space problem. It is extremely important, in my view, that the Agency, and possibly the Community, make up their minds as to the scope and magnitude of the PIC operation for the next five or ten years and that we should force a decision now to get the answers to a very few questions, specifically: are we going to have a Community Photographic Intelligence Center or not? How big is it going to be and when do we expect to reach maximum strength? Our long-range planning should be based upon the assumption that we will get into some kind of a permanent arrangement within three to five years. The short-term problem which needs to be solved almost immediately would then be geared to the long-range problem.

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